

Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary	Application No. 10/791,845	Applicant(s) YAMAGUCHI ET AL.	
	Examiner Sebastiano Passaniti	Art Unit 3711	

All Participants:

Status of Application: Pending

(1) Sebastiano Passaniti.

(3) _____.

(2) Frederick Handren.

(4) _____.

Date of Interview: 27 April 2007

Time: 12:48PM

Type of Interview:

- ☒ Telephonic
☐ Video Conference
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

Part I.

Rejection(s) discussed:

Rejections, as set forth in the final rejection, mailed 10/31/2006

Claims discussed:

17-23

Prior art documents discussed:

Zebelean, of record


Part II.

SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:

See Continuation Sheet

Part III.

- ☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.
☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.


Sebastiano Passaniti
 Primary Examiner

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: A brief discussion focused on the relevance of additional prior art to be made of record in the next Office action. It was generally agreed that the Zebelean reference, used against the claims in the final rejection, does not specifically address face flexure, though would appear to show a thinning of the face in specific directions. It was noted that Zebelean does not specifically state where, in fact, the point of maximum resilience is actually located. However, it was also noted that the point of maximum resilience might be located generally away from the geometric center due to the non-uniform face thickness.


Sebastiano Passanti
Primary Examiner